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Filing Date: December 21, 2001 Examiner: Unknown
For: Exhaust System and Method for Removing Particulate Matter from Diesel
Engine Exhaust
Docket No. 4007

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The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of this application. It is believed that the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the foregoing references do not adversely affect the patentability of the subject matter presently claimed, taken alone or in combination.

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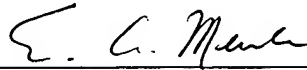
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Respectfully submitted,



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